

Capsule Summary

Curry House
1316 Douglass Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1921

Private residence

The Curry House is located in the historically black town of Highland Beach. It is a bungalow style cottage and is typical of the quality and value of design that was assumed by the developers of the community. The community was planned and was expected to be the summer home for several prominent black families in African-American history.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Curry House

AND/OR COMMON

Highland Beach

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1316 Douglass Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

VICINITY OF

Annapolis 1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wilbur Curry

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

33 Hamilton ST

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC

VICINITY OF

20012

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

L 7 8 Bk 4 IMP

Liber #: 1882

Folio #: 320

STREET & NUMBER

2 411 03034500 R 57 15 0012

CITY, TOWN

Anne Arundel Courthouse

Annapolis, MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AA-839

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1316 Douglass

This cottage is a one and one-half storey Bungalow. The wide dormer on the extended gable roof is atypical in the community. The frame house with novelty siding exhibits an interior chimney and double hung windows. The front porch is enclosed partially with screening and a finished base. The house was constructed c.1920 as one total unit.

The Curry House is located on a block in Highland Beach which is bounded by Bay Avenue to the north, Bruce Avenue in the east, Douglass Avenue to the south and Walnut Drive in the west. Highland Beach is about ten miles south of Annapolis and is a resort community adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay. The lot supports natural and planted vegetation in a partially cleared wood-like setting. Large trees and wild flowers can be discerned on the lot.

The house rests upon a pier foundation and the principal place of entrance faces south. The southern view exhibits an enclosed porch which is six bays wide. The windows on the first floor of the house are double hung with six lights over a single pane. The trim on the windows are the same color as the siding on the house. the entrance door is a multipaneled door with plain trim.

Dormers have been located in the long end of the gabled roof. They support a shed roof and six geometrically placed windows can be observed in the dormers.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 7, 8 Blk 9, Highland Beach

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Collins Turner

April 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE

301-444-3225

STREET & NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Title Abstract

AA-839

1316 Douglas

OBD 2 373 From the will of
1920 Charles R. Douglass

To

9/21/25 Haley Douglass (wife Evelyn)

To

FSR 23 383 Fannie & Frank N. Cardozo
9/29/27

To

Equity 9589 Henry M. Minton
3/28/49 (Default)
Joseph H. Griscom (Trustee)

To

JHH515 552 John E. Washington (Wife Virginia)
4/29/49

To

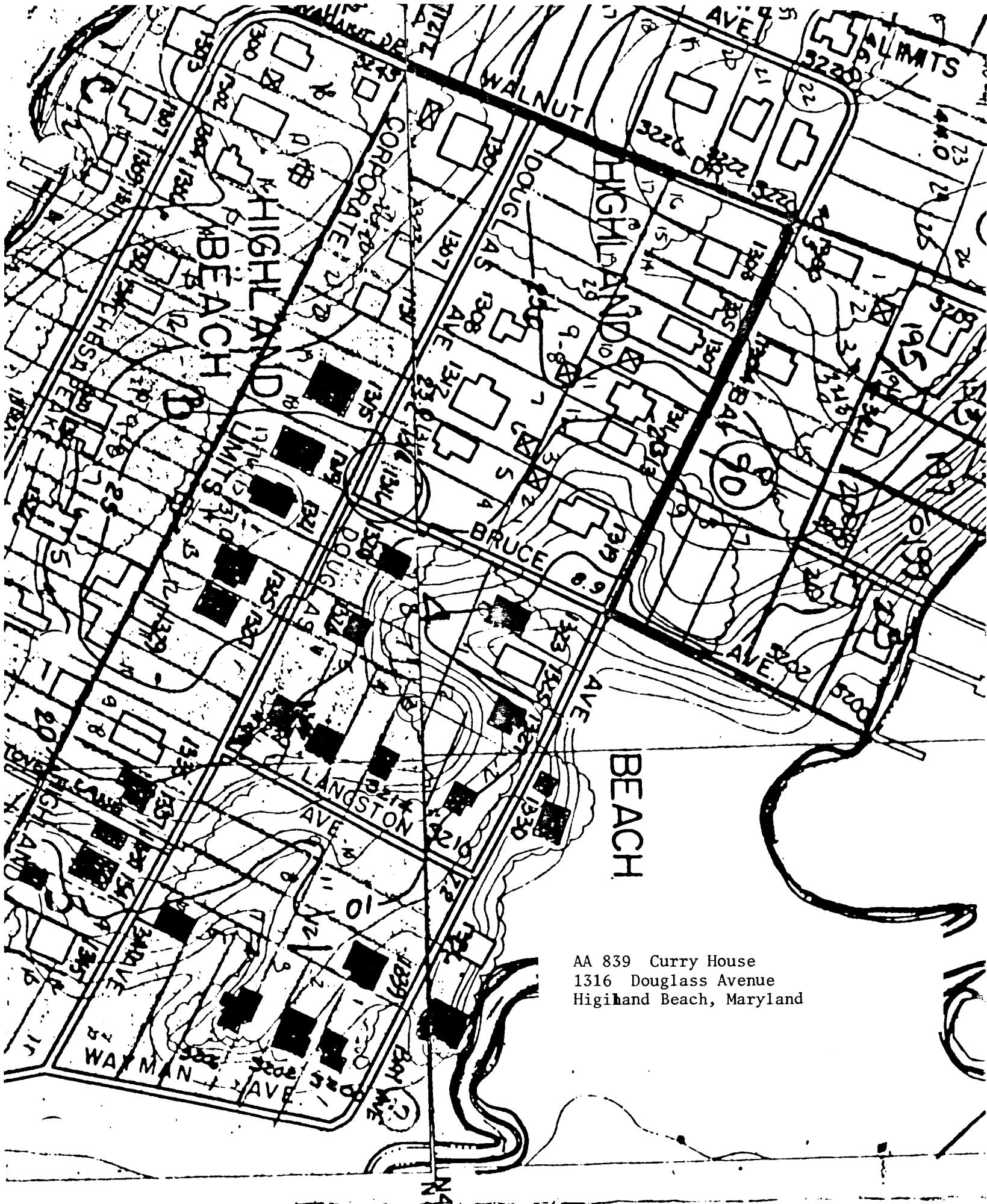
L1136 227 Dutton Ferguson
4/16/57

To

4/20/66 Robert M. Guire (Wife Virginia)
1882 - 320 Joint Tenant

To

Wilbur Curry (Wife Regina)



AA 839 Curry House
1316 Douglass Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland



AA 839 Curry House
1316 Douglass Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

General View
Bern Eisner, Photographer
March, 1982